

## **Inauguration Day 2005**

President George W. Bush was sworn-in as President of the United States for a second term on Thursday, January 20, 2005. The theme of the 2005 Presidential Inaugural was "Celebrating Freedom, Honoring Service."



With his left hand resting on a family Bible, President Bush takes the oath of office to serve a second term as 43rd President of the United States. Laura Bush, Barbara Bush, and Jenna Bush listen as Chief Justice William H. Rehnquist administers the oath.

Make the choice to serve in a cause larger than your wants, larger than yourself - and in your days you will add not just to the wealth of our country, but to its character."

President George W. Bush Second Inaugural Address United States Capitol January 20, 2005

## USA Freedom Corps Part of President's Response to Tsunami Tragedy

In response to one of the world's worst natural disasters, President George W. Bush has committed aid from the United States Government and is encouraging private donations from the American people to help those in South Asia affected by the tsunami tragedy through www.usafreedomcorps.gov:

- ★ On December 31, President Bush committed \$350 million in aid from the United States to assist in relief efforts.
- ★ On January 3, President Bush announced that <u>former Presidents Bush and Clinton</u> <u>will lead a nationwide fundraising effort</u> to encourage private donations.
- ★ On January 5, former Presidents Bush and Clinton filmed a public service announcement.
- ★ On January 10, President Bush thanked USAID employees and NGO presidents for their relief work with the tsunami victims, and reminded Americans not to forget the needs for compassion elsewhere. Click for remarks.
- ★ <u>USAfreedomcorpskids.gov</u> offers ideas on how kids can help the tsunami victims. Ideas dear to be led by former President on how kids can help the tsunami victims. Ideas dear to be led by former President on how kids can help the tsunami victims. January 3, 2005.



President Bush announces a nationwide charitable fundraising effort to be led by former President George H.W. Bush and former President Bill Clinton to aid tsunami victims. January 3, 2005.

President Bush Thanks 400th USA Freedom Corps Greeter for Dedication to Volunteer Service



On January 7, President Bush presented the <u>President's Volunteer Service Award</u> to Don Kotchman when he arrived at Selfridge Air National Guard Base in Michigan. Kotchman, an Army colonel, has been an active volunteer in his community for years, including volunteering as a Scoutmaster for the Boy Scouts and coaching youth sports programs.

Later that day, President Bush recognized Kotchman in his remarks: "Today, when I landed at the air base, I met Colonel Don Kotchman who is with us today....You know, I appreciate Don wearing our nation's uniform, but more importantly, I appreciate the fact that he is a Boy Scout leader....For all of you who are out there who are looking for some way to serve your community and our country, love your neighbor like you'd like to be loved yourself, and you'll be doing our country a great service."

Since March 2002, President Bush has thanked 400 outstanding volunteers in local communities across the country.

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